

Green County Library Board Meeting
5:30pm, October 22, 2018
Monroe Public Library

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Trustee Neuenschwander.
2. **Roll call:** Craig Ellefson, Anita Huffman, Beth Blahut, Ann Mueller, Valerie Blum, Mike Furgal, Gary Neuenschwander. Library directors in attendance: Lauren White of New Glarus, Kara Blue of Albany, Bronna Lehmann of Belleville, Katrina Linde-Moriarty from Monticello. Mark Ibach from SCLS was also present.
3. **Approve agenda:** Trustee Neuenschwander moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Huffman seconded. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of minutes from the meeting on Aug 27, 2018:** Trustee Neuenschwander moved to approve the minutes. Trustee Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Board Correspondence:** None.
7. **Library Reports:**
 - a. South Central Library System: Mark Ibach discussed some features on the SCLS website, including the “data dashboard” under Member Resources...Data/Statistics, where you can find annual report data. There was a switch so that non-Linkcat libraries can access Linkcat. Ibach mentioned reviewing re-population data. The website also has new workforce development resources. Ibach said that SCLS is exploring options for Microsoft “Image Academy” and exploring migrating “Droople” sites.
 - b. **County Libraries:**
 - Albany: The Board completed its strategic plan. Continuing to add metadata and items to the Recollection Wisconsin digital project site. Re-organized early readers section by reading level. Raised \$2,660 from Fall Silent Auction. Implementing a Homebound Delivery policy and procedure for Albany residents. Working on 2019 budget-due to declining circulation, they will spend less on library materials-supplemental (donation) funds can be used to add to the collection. Considering applying for a TEACH grant to help with tech costs. Testing paperless ways to manage interlibrary loan process.
 - Belleville: **New Library/Community Center**-beginning the construction document phase of the project-plan to go to bid in early Jan. for the 2019

construction season. Working on interior design.

140 Years of Belleville Libraries - Anniversary events, Dec 2, at Belleville Library. Collecting 140 stories about Belleville Library from community members, to put on display.

Fall Events - Appreciation for the active shooter training; *Early Days of the Belleville Railroad* was well attended - it was planned to complement efforts to restore the depot.

Putting Computers to Work for You was a seminar to show how small businesses can gain effectiveness by making good use of apps and social media marketing. Sept. book discussion was on this year's UW big Read-*The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan. Author's presentation on campus was live-streamed. Hands-on sewing opportunity with the 1 Million Pillowcase challenge. Eleven pillowcases donated to local charities.

Upcoming Events:

The Packers Century-100 Years of Packer History-Nov. 8

Two infant/child CPR classes

Trivia Night fundraiser, Nov. 10

Forward Theater's performance—*Someone's Gotta Do It*—monologues about jobs, Nov.29

"Dinovember" at Belleville Library: dinosaur theme for children's programming throughout the month.

Monticello: **Weeding:** Finished weeding the main collection with only a few more areas to complete.

Transitions: A new director, 2 new trustees, and 3 staff members have resigned-things are in a state of change.

Searching for a new Youth Services Coordinator and limiting hours for the time being.

New Projects: New CD and DVD displays to cut down on display space and increase visibility in the space. Library Board will be voting on whether to join LINKcat.

Security Cameras: 4 internal and 2 external cameras soon to be installed to improve security.

New Glarus: The NG Library Board is examining sites for their building project-the Glarner Park site is off the table. Ongoing attention to the digitization project.

Lauren is taking a new position in Sauk Prairie, and for the time being, the library is modifying the hours of operation - closing early on Fridays.

The Library Board will begin a search for a new director.

The library is hoping for a Community Fund Southern Wisconsin grant to digitize newspaper archives.

The library's recent program, "Insect Ambassadors" was very successful; there were 112 attendees.

8. **Old/new business**

a. September mixer at Monticello Public Library on Sept 6

Those present agreed that the mixer was a positive experience. Trustee Neuenschwander asked do we want to do another mixer in 6 months or a year? Perhaps in May 2019

b. Budget presentation:

Trustee Anita Huffman gave a brief presentation to the Green County Board's Finance Committee. Ann Mueller also attended the meeting.

The Green County Library Board's request for a 2% increase was not approved, but the Finance Committee did approve an increase of 1%.

Trustees Huffman and Mueller felt that the experience was a positive one.

Huffman said that she felt the Finance Committee really listened to her. The Finance Committee made a motion right away and voted to approve a 1% increase. It was agreed that asking for more was a good strategy and they plan to go back next year. Trustee Neuenschwander thanked Trustees Huffman and Mueller for attending the meeting.

c. Discuss goals for 2019:

Think it over and ask the individual boards what the goals are for the next year and be prepared to discuss at the Feb. meeting. How can we

re-structure/re-organize so that we are more helpful to the county libraries?

Katrina Linde-Moriarty stated that she appreciated the staff training and proposes to continue that.

9. **Next meeting:** 5:30pm Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, tentatively at Albertson Memorial library, Albany.

10. **Adjourn:** Trustee Neuenschwander motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Trustee Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.